(c) whether Government propose to increase the financial assistance for the current financial year as compared to last sanctioned amount of Rs. 5.098 crores to solve the problems of 6 lakhs small and marginal farmers who have been deprived of the benefits in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request was received on 19-8-91. The amount allocated to the State under the scheme on "Fertilizer subsidy for small and marginal farmers" is Rs. 5.098 crore. The first instalment of Rs. 1.259 crore was released to the State Government on 16-9-1991.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration to increase the financial assistance for current financial year under the scheme on "Fertiliser Subsidy for small and marginal farmers".

Implementation of Crop Insurance Scheme

1423. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States/Union Territories in which the comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) is being implemented;

(b) the total number of farmers who are covered under the Schemes till date; the sum insured under the Scheme till date; premium collected and the claims paid payable till date;

(c) whether the CCIS is proposed to be introduced in those States Union Territories in which it is not being implemented at present; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The names of the States/Union Territories presently implementing the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Pondicherry and Daman & Diu.

(b) From Kharif 1985 to the end of Kharif 1991, 309 lakh farmers have been covered under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS), insuring a sum of Rs. 6874.58 crores and the premium collected is Rs. 116.11 crores. During this period the claims received were Rs. 723.91 crore out of which claims of Rs. 633.39 crore have since been paid.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) is a voluntary scheme. States are free to implement the scheme, in any area notified by them.

फसल बीमा योजना

1424. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :**
श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सभी राज्यों में फसल बीमा योजना को अनिवार्य रूप से लागू करने के प्रस्ताव पर सरकार गम्भीरतापूर्वक विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उन किसानों की फसलों का जिन्होंने बैंकों से फसल ऋण प्राप्त नहीं किया है, भी अनिवार्य रूप से बीमा किया जाएगा ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इस योजना को लागू करने के प्रस्ताव पर इस प्रकार विचार करना चाहती है ताकि प्रत्येक किसान को, जिनकी फसल का बीमा किया गया है, उसको हुए वास्तविक नुकसान के अनुसार मुआवाजा मिल सके ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन) : (क) से (ग) बृहत फसल बीमा योजना के कार्यक्षेत्र को, क्षेत्र कवरेज, किसानों को देय क्षतिपूर्ति, की दृष्टि से व्यापक बनाने के लिये बृहत फसल बीमा योजना की समीक्षा

करने का प्रस्ताव है ताकि इसमें अनिवार्य आधार पर इस योजना के कार्यान्वयन, प्रीमियम की दरों में परिवर्तन, गैर-ऋणी किसानों को शामिल करने, अन्य फसलों को शामिल करने आदि जैसे परिवर्तन किए जा सकें ।

Serious Nutrient Imbalance and shortage threatening Food Production

1425. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is serious nutrient imbalance and shortage, threatening food production plans; if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard;

(b) whether the nutrient shortage can be made up with bio-fertilisers, if so, the details of plans, prospects and actual performance; and

(c) whether Government propose to ban burning of animal dung and other organic waste?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There are no authentic reports to indicate that there are serious nutrient imblances in soils, which may threaten food production plans. However, there is need to encourage the balanced use of nutrients, including major and micronutrients. The integrated use of chemical fertilizers organic manures and bio-fertilizers is being advocated.

(b) Bio-fertiliser are a supplementary source of Nitrogen. It can only partialy meet the Nitrogen requirement of specific crops.

The Government of India has taken up a National Project on Bio-fertilizer Development with a view to encourage the production and use of bio-fertilizers. Apart from setting up national and regional centres, Government of India has provided financial assistance for setting up 17-bio-fertilizers production units. Through these centres, a production capacity of about 1700 tonnes has been created.

(c) No Sir.

Increase in price of Rice and Wheat

1426. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Government has protested against the increase in issue prices of rice and wheat introduced by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Kerala Government have sent a communication in this regard.

(b) Revision of Central Issue prices which are uniform (ex-FCI godowns) throughout the country, is done periodically. No distinction can be made in case of Kerala or any other State/ Union Territory.

F.C.I. Trucks

1427. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trucks of Food Corporation of India carrying wheat, rice and sugar which have been stolen/ misappropriated on way from Jammu to Srinagar and other parts of the State during 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991 yearwise; and what is the estimated value thereof;

(b) if so, whether cases have been registered and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any recoveries have been made; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Food Corporation of India is facing difficulties in getting transporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No trucks are owned by Food Corporation of India and there was no instance of any truck carrying wheat, rice or sugar having been stolen/misappropriated on way from Jammu to Srinagar and other parts of State during 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991.

(b) and(c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.